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11th Marines  
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 August 1968 to 1 September 1968

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Enclosure (1)

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PART IORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Armored Amphibian Company  
 11th Marines  
 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

COMMANDER

Major R. R. BERLING  
 1-31 August 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Company HQ	DaNang, RVN (AT 995723)	1-31 Aug 1968
1st Platoon		
one section	Company CP	1-3 Aug 1968
	11th Marines CP (AT 960758)	4-27 Aug 1968
	Company CP	28-31 Aug 1968
one section	Hill 47 (AT 974703)	1-31 Aug 1968
one section(Rein)	Northern Artillery Cantonment(AT 921799)	1-31 Aug 1968
2nd Platoon		
one section	Dien Ban, RVN(BT 066585)	1-31 Aug 1968
	Hoi An, RVN (BT 110581)	1-31 Aug 1968
3rd Platoon	Cua Viet (YD 348698)	1-31 Aug 1968

3. STAFF OFFICERS

<u>(Billet)</u>	<u>(Rank and Name)</u>	<u>(Dates)</u>
Executive Officer	Capt. J. M. BYRD	1-31 Aug 1968
Fire Direction Officer	1stLt N. A. LIEURANCE	1-31 Aug 1968
Maintenance Officer	1stLt L. A. CULBERTSON	1-31 Aug 1968
Supply Officer	2ndLt J. N. SCHUETTE	1-31 Aug 1968

1st Platoon Commander	1stLt J. T. FOWLER	1-31 Aug 1968
2nd Platoon Commander	1stLt J. E. PETERSON	1-31 Aug 1968
3rd Platoon Commander	1stLt P. J. BOSTROM	1-28 Aug 1968
3rd Platoon Commander	2ndLt J. R. GAZDAYKA	29-31 Aug 1968
Liaison Officer	2ndLt J. R. GAZDAYKA	1-28 Aug 1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
OFF	ENL
10	222

<u>USN</u>	
OFF	ENL
0	5

<u>OTHER</u>	
OFF	ENL
0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. From 1 August to 1 September 1968, the Company Headquarters remained at grid (AT 995723); providing logistical and administrative support for all platoons.

2. From 1 August to 1 September 1968, the 1st Platoon remained in the DaNang area. One section (reinforced with one LVTH6A1 from the 2nd Platoon) of the 1st Platoon was positioned at the Northern Artillery Cantonment, grid (AT 921799), providing both direct and indirect fire support during the period 1-31 August 1968. During the reporting period, one section of the 1st Platoon remained on OP HAWK (Hill 47), grid (AT 974703) with the assigned tactical mission of general support and priority mission of direct fire into the "Rocket Belt". In connection with this priority mission, the section fired a total of nine rounds of direct fire into an active rocket site on 26 August 1968. (See Part III, paragraph (2)). This section on OP HAWK was hit by a coordinated mortar and ground attack on 23 August 1968; resulting in one friendly KIA, four enemy KIA and moderate damage to one LVTH6A1. (See Part III, paragraph (1)). From 1 August to 3 August 1968, one section of the 1st Platoon was positioned in the Company CP. This section displaced to the 11th Marines CP, grid (AT 960758), on 4 August 1968, to provide indirect fire support for the Northern Artillery Cantonment area. The section remained at 11th Marines CP until 27 August when it returned to the Company CP, where it remained until the end of the month.

3. During the reporting period, the 2nd Platoon(-) remained in the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade area near Hoi An. One section (rein) remained at grid (BT 110581). One section remained at Dien Ban, grid (BT 066585). The assigned tactical mission of the 2nd Platoon(-) is general support of the Korean Brigade.

4. From 1 August to 1 September 1968, the 3rd Platoon remained at the mouth of the Cua Viet River, grid (YD 348698). From 1 August to 24 August 1968, the 3rd Platoon remained OPCON to the 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. On 24 August 1968, the 12th Marines assumed OPCON of the platoon, with the fire direction center being provided by the U. S. Army 6th Battalion, 33rd Artillery Group. From 24 August to 1 September, this section was in direct support of the U. S. Army 1st Brigade, 5th Division.

5. TABLE OF FIRE MISSIONS AND ROUNDS EXPENDED

<u>DIRECT</u> <u>FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>OBSERVED</u> <u>FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>UNOBSERVED</u> <u>FIRE MISSIONS</u>	<u>TOT</u>	<u>H&amp;I</u>
1	193	7	37	1233

105mm ROUNDS EXPENDED

1895  
4580  
342  
1567

8384 (Total)

FIRE FOR

ROK Marines  
3rd Marine Division  
U. S. Army  
11th Marines

CONSOLIDATED SURVEILLANCE

KIA - 13  
Bunkers (Destroyed) - 11  
Bunkers (Damaged) - 4  
Structures (Destroyed) - 27  
Structures (Damaged) - 15  
Trenchline (Destroyed) - 145 Meters  
Sampans (Destroyed) - 12  
Sampans (Damaged) - 3  
Secondary Explosions - 10

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. During the reporting period, the Company's personnel readiness rating of C1 was maintained. The critical shortage of SNCOs and Sgts in OF 1831 continued. This Company has been without a Motor Transport Chief, Staff Sergeant, OF 3516, since 15 May 1968.

b.		<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	(1) Losses	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
	Administration	2	14	0	0
	Battle WIA(Evac)	0	0	0	0
	Battle WIA(Non-evac)	0	0	0	0
	Battle KIA	0	1	0	0
	Battle MIA	0	0	0	0
	Battle DOW	0	0	0	0
	Non-battle	0	2	0	0
	(2) Replacements	1	15	0	0
	(3) Net losses	1	2	0	0
	(4) Net gain	0	0	0	0

2. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONSa. Operation (Special)

(1) Attack on OP HAWK (Hill 47). On 23 August 1968, OP HAWK (Hill 47), grid (AT 974703), was hit by a coordinated mortar and ground attack by an estimated force of 8-12 VC, with an attached sapper element.

(a) 230300H-230310H Aug 1968. OP HAWK received approximately 40-50 incoming 82mm mortar rounds and sporadic small arms fire. LVTH6A1 number 15 took a direct hit from a mortar round on the port side immediately behind the turret. The tractor was moderately damaged.

(b) 230310H-230325H Aug 1968. Position subjected to heavy small arms fire and sporadic RPG fire. An estimated force of 6 to 8 sappers breached the protective wire and were able to get inside the position. A group of four sappers were killed as they were trying to make their way to the damaged LVTH6A1. One Marine was killed during the attack.

(c) 230325H-230500H Aug 1968. OP HAWK continued receiving sporadic sniper fire from enemy positions outside the protective wire. At 0500H all enemy activity ceased.

(d) Results of Action

- (1) Enemy KIA - 4
- (2) Weapons and Equipment Captured
  - a. AK-47 - 1
  - b. Grenades (CHICOM) - 12
  - c. Satchel charges - 7
  - d. Wire cutters - 1 pair
  - e. Medical Kit - 1
- (3) Friendly Losses & Damage
  - a. KIA - 1
  - b. WIA (Minor) - 2
  - c. Moderate damage to LVTH6A1 number 15

(2) Direct Counterrocket Fire from OP HAWK. At approximately 0445H on 26 August 1968, the section from the 1st Platoon positioned on OP HAWK fired a total of 9 rounds HE at an active rocket site located approximately 1200 meters south of the OP. After observing the initial rocket launchings and insuring that the criteria for immediate counterrocket direct fire was met, the section fired 4 rounds before being placed in a "Check Fire" by the 4th Battalion, 11th Marines. Within a minute the "Check Fire" was cancelled and the section fired an additional 5 rounds. No surveillance was obtained.

3. LOGISTICS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY

a. On 8 August 1968, the Company received two new LVTH6A1s as part of the Fiscal 68 R&E program.



PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

REFERENCE MAPS

ATTACHED

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|--|--------------|
| a. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000<br>Series L7014, Sheet 6641III<br>DANANG   | Not Attached |
| b. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000<br>Series L7014, Sheet 6442IV<br>QUANG TRI | Not Attached |
| c. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000<br>Series L7014, Sheet 66401<br>HOI AN     | Not Attached |
| d. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000<br>Series L7014, Sheet 65401<br>THUONG DUC | Not Attached |